

TRIBUTE TO MAUREEN NEUBERGER

• Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, each of us who are privileged to serve in this chamber are well aware of the history of the Senate and the contributions of those who came before us. I am mindful every day that I serve in the seat held for thirty years by Mark Hatfield.

Another who held this seat with distinction from 1960–1967 was Maureen Neuberger, who was the first woman ever to represent Oregon in the United States Senate, and the third woman in history to serve here. Mrs. Neuberger passed away last week at the age of 94, and I rise today to pay tribute to this remarkable Oregonian.

Oregon is a state known for its pioneers and trailblazers, and Maureen Neuberger was no exception. She began her political career in 1950 at a time when women in public office were very much a novelty. Upon her election to the Oregon State House of Representatives, she became one half of a truly historic couple. Her husband, Dick Neuberger, was serving in the Oregon State Senate, and they became the first couple in United States history to serve together in a state legislature.

Maureen continued to serve in the legislature even after her husband was elected to the United States Senate in 1954. Upon his death in 1960, Maureen was elected to the United States Senate in her own right.

During her years in this chamber, Senator Neuberger earned a reputation as an advocate for consumer rights. She sponsored legislation creating warning labels on cigarette packages, challenged the meat-packing industry for artificially adding water to hams, and exposed bedding manufacturers who sold flammable blankets.

She chose to retire from the Senate after serving one term, but remained active through service on presidential commissions and teaching at universities. Throughout her life, she also served as a mentor and role model to Oregon women from both political parties who entered the public service arena.

As my State's largest newspaper, The Oregonian, editorialized about Senator Neuberger:

Only 27 women have served in the Senate in U.S. history. She was third. The ones who served after (her)—including the nine who serve today—might not have been there at all if Maureen Neuberger had not helped pave the way.

I was privileged to meet Senator Neuberger during my service in the Oregon State Senate. I recall her as a gracious and straight talking person who never lost her interest in the issues of the day. Both Oregon and America are better for her life and service.●

INGVALD BERNARD JACOBSEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

• Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I rise today to give honor to Ingvald Bernard Jacobsen, Uncle Barney, who will be celebrating his 90th birthday on March 25th. He is the first born of Gina Brathen Fyhrie Jacobsen and Peder Jacobsen.

Although Mr. Jacobsen was born in Racine, Wisconsin, due to the death of his grandmother, he and his family moved to Norway. While a young boy in Norway, Ingvald learned the value system he has maintained for the past 90 years through a strong belief in the Bible by which his mother and grandfather lived. He became a Christian at his mother's knee before starting school and has been a walking example of what it is to be Christian all his life: never the preacher, always the doer of kind deeds for others, expecting nothing in return for those kind acts.

Mr. Jacobsen's early years were lean on material things and long on the hard work of a farm and a life on the seas helping to earn the family living. He attended school three days a week and completed his education by age 14. He was confirmed in the small Lutheran church on a Norwegian island, and still uses the New Testament he was presented with that day in 1924.

After returning to the United States in 1928, Mr. Jacobsen's first job was landscaping the new golf course in Forest Hills, New Jersey, where he worked with his father. When that job was completed, he moved to Chicago. Thereafter, he had many jobs that led to a position at Northwestern University lasting 25 years.

In 1935, Mr. Jacobsen joined a fraternal order called Sons of Norway, a group of Norwegian immigrants that got together for fellowship. This fellowship grew by leaps and bounds all around the world and has become a vehicle for keeping the old traditions of Norway alive, as well as the language. He has held every office possible in his local lodge and district and served as an international director for eight years, a great honor for him. Because of his faithfulness and hard work throughout the Norwegian community in the Midwest, King Olav V awarded him the King Olav medal in 1973.

Throughout his years in the Chicago area, Mr. Jacobsen gave of himself above and beyond the call of duty. At Trinity Lutheran Church, he sang in the choir, greeted people at the door with a warm welcome, and was in charge of the coffee hour and Easter breakfast for years. He picked up countless children for Sunday School and led the Boy Scout troop in the church. Every year near Christmas time, he saw to it that the residents of the Norwegian home for the elderly in Chicago had a traditional cod-fish dinner. He chose the fish, picked it up, peeled the potatoes, and than poached

the fish and saw that it was served to every person. His reward came in the form of tins of fresh, Norwegian homemade cookies baked by the ladies auxiliaries of these homes.

Mr. Jacobsen was asked to serve on the Tall Ship committee when in 1976 the Norwegian Tall Ship *Christian Radich* came to Chicago to celebrate the 200-year anniversary of our country's birth. He was also a member of the select few who greeted King Olav V in Chicago in 1975, when the 150th anniversary of a sailing vessel finally made it to Chicago from Norway. He was honored by traveling the city with King Olav V, spending many days and hours in his company including a large dinner attended by dignitaries from around the world.

After the death of his wife, Bernie Lars, Mr. Jacobsen sold his home and built a beautiful addition to his daughter's home. Since 1997, following a successful battle with cancer, he has resided with his granddaughter, Solveig, in Illinois part of the year and with his oldest daughter, Carolyn, and her husband in the mountains of North Carolina during the remainder of the year.

Mr. Jacobsen will be celebrating his 90th birthday with countless friends and relatives, including five who will come from Norway. Grateful people filled with joy and happy memories of this gentle giant—he still stands tall at 6 feet 3 inches—will gather to honor and thank him. I join those many friends and relatives in wishing him a joyous and rich celebration.●

RECOGNITION OF IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Irish-American Heritage Month and take this occasion to salute the generations of Irish descendants who have helped my home state of Minnesota grow and prosper.

When millions of Irish men, women, and children fled their homeland and the great potato famine that gripped Ireland beginning in the 1840s, they looked to America as a place of abundant food, freedom, and opportunity.

Most came here with little, yet the riches they have given back to this country and our state cannot be measured.

At the urging of Archbishop John Ireland, early leader of the Minnesota Catholic Church, many of those first immigrants became employees of the Great Northern Railroad and settled in Minnesota, along the railroad lines heading toward Montana. Since then, our Irish-American population has flourished; surveyed for the 1990 census, 574,183 Minnesotans claimed at least some Irish ancestry.

During Irish-American Heritage Month, and on the occasion of Saint Patrick's Day, I salute Minnesota's "sons and daughters of Ireland" and

offer to our large and enthusiastic Irish community the heartfelt words of the familiar Irish blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again, may God hold you
in the palm of His hand.●

JOHN J. LESSNER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. John J. Lessner, resident of Lapeer, MI, who on March 10th of this year celebrated his 100th birthday. It is my pleasure to honor him not only for having reached this landmark birthday, which is quite an accomplishment in itself, but also, and I think more importantly, for having lived his life in a manner truly worthy of commendation.

One of Mr. Lessner's favorite sayings is "Work-a-Million," and he has certainly lived by this virtue. For thirty-nine years he worked as a high-school teacher and coach, for thirty-seven years a football and basketball official, he sold world-book encyclopedias for twenty-four years, worked at the H.C. Frick Coal Mine and Monogahela Railroad for fifteen summers, spent nine years working towards his M.A. in Education, which he received from West Virginia University in 1953, spent six years constructing a home for his family and himself, spent three years playing fullback for the Brownsville (PA) Independence Football Team, and all this after he began his adult life by serving his country for a year in the U.S. Army.

On top of all this, Mr. Lessner, somehow found the time to be not only an active community member, but a community leader. He helped organize and develop two Parent Teacher Associations, in Greene County, PA, and Washington County, PA. He served as the first, twelfth and twenty-fifth president of the Greensboro Lions Club in Greensboro, PA. During World War II, he served as the Air Raid Warden for Brownsville, PA. And every Sunday, for eighteen years, he volunteered his time as a Sunday School Superintendent at Christian Church in Brownsville, PA, and then later at Mapletown Methodist Church in Mapleton, PA.

Most important to Mr. Lessner, though, has always been his family. He now resides in Lapeer, MI, with his son Jack, the eldest of his two children. He moved to Lapeer from Monroeville, PA, where he lived near his daughter, Maryjane. And undoubtedly one of his greatest days came on December 27, 1979, when he and his wife, Doris Steeves, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

This may be selfish on my part, but as I read the biography of Mr. Lessner,

my only wish was that he had spent more of his one-hundred years in Michigan. His is a brand of remarkable that, unfortunately, you do not run into everyday. Regardless, John J. Lessner is a true role model, and we are glad to have him now. So, on behalf not only of myself but also of all my Michigan constituents, I would like to wish Mr. Lessner a happy 100th birthday, and I hope that there are many more to celebrate in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO J.W. "BUD" FORRESTER

● Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, "To live fully," said Oliver Wendell Holmes, "is to be engaged in the passions of one's time."

Those words came to mind with the recent passing of the remarkable Oregon journalist, J.W. "Bud" Forrester. Mr. Forrester's family and friends can take solace in the fact that here was a man who truly lived a full life, for here was a man who dedicated himself to the passions of our time.

As a journalist, Bud Forrester earned a reputation as one of the best newspaper editors in my state. Whether at the helm of the Daily Astorian, or my home town newspaper, the East Oregonian, Bud Forrester called them like he saw them, and could always be counted on to stand up for what he believed was right for his community and his state.

That same commitment and common sense were also provided to countless boards and commissions, on which Bud Forrester served throughout his life. President of the Columbia River Maritime Museum, member of the State Board of Higher Education, member of the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission, unofficial advisor to Senators and Governors, community fund raiser and philanthropist extraordinaire—the list of Bud Forrester's contributions go on and on.

I consider myself very privileged to have known Bud Forrester, and know that his legacy of being engaged on the passions of our time will continue in the hands of his son, Steve, who serves as Editor and Publisher of the Daily Astorian.

The bottom line is that Oregon is a better place because of Bud Forrester. I join with countless others in my state in extending my sympathies to the Forrester family, and in paying tribute to a true original who indeed lived life fully.●

SILEX ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH DEDICATION

● Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate and honor Silex Assembly of God in Silex, Missouri. On March 26th, they will be dedicating their new church building. This dedication and celebration is a tribute to God's faithfulness to the congregation,

which began gathering together in 1942. It is also a tribute to their labor of love and personal generosity, led by Pastor and Mrs. John Pool.

Pastor Pool, who retired in 1985, agreed to step up to the pulpit again when the Silex church called upon him to lead them. Now, at age 81, he and the congregation have built their new church themselves, with volunteer labor and sacrificial contributions of time and money. Mrs. Pool has helped feed the volunteer groups day after day. Their devotion to Christ brings honor to the name of the Lord.

I join those gathered for this wonderful occasion, including the Pool's five children and most of their grandchildren, in bringing best wishes for a memorable celebration as Silex Assembly of God renews its commitment to the redemptive mission of Christ. May God bless this ministry with many more years of celebration.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-8012. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Regulations and Rules of Practice-Case Docketing" (RIN2900-AJ72), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8013. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Information; Communications with State and Foreign Government Officials" (Docket No. 98N-0518), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8014. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Paper and Paperboard Components" (Docket No. 95F-0065), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8015. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of violations of the Anti-Deficiency Act by Air Force personnel; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8016. A communication from the Legislative Liaison, U.S. Trade and Development Agency transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a prospective funding obligation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8017. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" (PA-127-FOR), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8018. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant